

Abram Minis House (Red Cross Building)
204 East Jones Street
Savannah
Chatham County
Georgia

HABS No. GA-281

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Historic American Buildings Survey
National Park Service
Department of the Interior
Washington, D.C. 20240

STATE Georgia	COUNTY Chatham	TOWN OR VICINITY Savannah
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) Abram Minis House (from <u>HABS Georgia Catalog</u>)		HABS NO. GA-281
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE Red Cross Building		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) 204 East Jones Street		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) 1859-60 (from <u>HABS Georgia Catalog</u>)	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) Stephen Decatur Button (from <u>HABS Georgia Catalog</u>)	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) Architect Button known for extensive work in Philadelphia and New Jersey. Also known for work in the South, including the Alabama State Capitol. This house an example of the Italianate style. Carriage house (GA-281-A) was, prior to demolition, an interesting surviving dependenc Integral part of Savannah National Register Historic District. Rated "Exceptional" on Histori		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) Italianate		Savannah Foundation Survey
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Brick; stone trim; wooden cornice. Carriage house: brick with stucco.		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) House: rectangular; 2½-story; raised basement; 5-bay front; hipped roof; one story porch along east side. Carriage House: L-shaped; 2-story; gable roof.		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE House: "Brick frieze with dentils, wooden cornice with modillions. . . floor length windows with (iron) balconies each side of entrance. Stone stoop, open-arms stone steps with cast-iron railing. Recessed entrance with shouldered architrave stone frame with cornice with shell motif." Cast iron fence. C.House: second story balcony and steps of cast iron. (p.333, HA		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) House: Center hall plan. Extant marble mantels.		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES ca. 1972: Stucco removed from house; carriage house demolished. pre-1966: Converted to office use		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE Unknown		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) Linley, John. <u>The Georgia Catalog, Historic American Buildings Survey</u> . 1982. Historic Savannah Foundation. <u>Historic Savannah</u> . 1968. Macmillan Encyclopedia of Architects, Vol. 1., 1982.		
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